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0.2 to 2.5 μ m. In some embodiments, the diffusion-retarding layer ranges from 0.5 to 1.0 μ m.

Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6971 to facilitate any further prosecution. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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